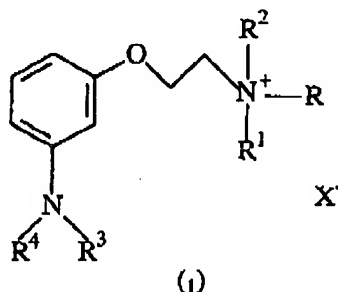


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This invention provides novel couplers of the formula (1):



wherein X is selected from halogen and R^5SO_4 where the halogen is preferably Cl, Br or I; R, R^1 , and R^2 are each individually selected from C_1 to C_{22} alkyl and C_1 to C_{22} mono or dihydroxyalkyl, or two of R, R^1 and R^2 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a C_3 to C_6 , preferably C_4 to C_6 , saturated or unsaturated ring optionally containing in the ring one or more additional hetero atoms selected from O, S and N atoms; R^3 and R^4 are each individually selected from C_1 to C_6 alkyl, C_1 to C_6 hydroxyalkyl, C_1 to C_6 alkoxy, C_1 to C_6 aminoalkyl or R^3 and R^4 together form a C_2 to C_5 alkylene group; and R^5 is selected from C_1 to C_{22} alkyl and C_1 to C_{22} mono or dihydroxyalkyl. Preferably X is Cl, Br, I and R^5SO_4 where R^5 is C_1 to C_4 alkyl, more preferably methyl; and preferably R, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are each individually C_1 to C_3 alkyl, and more preferably methyl.

Please replace the paragraph beginning page 4, line 10 with the following paragraph:

The coupler compounds of this invention are those of formula (1)

wherein X is selected from halogen and R^5SO_4 where the halogen is preferably Cl, Br or I; R, R^1 , and R^2 are each individually selected from C_1 to C_{22} alkyl and C_1 to C_{22} mono or dihydroxyalkyl, or two of R, R^1 and R^2 together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a C_3 to C_6 , preferably C_4 to C_6 , saturated or unsaturated ring optionally containing in the ring one or more additional hetero atoms selected from O, S and N atoms; R^3 and R^4 are each individually selected from C_1 to C_6 alkyl, C_1 to C_6